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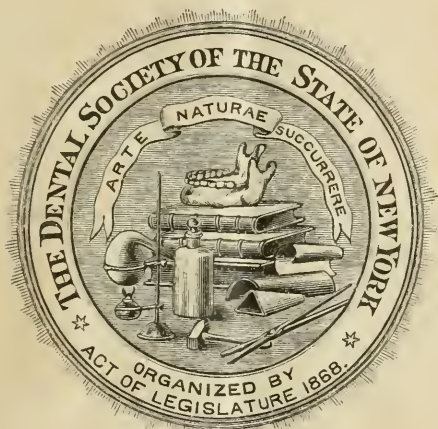
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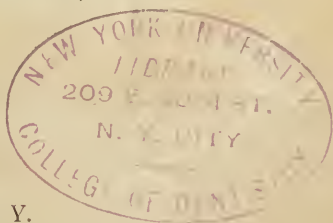
DENTAL SOCIETY

OF THE

STATE OF NEW YORK,



ALSO, THE STATUTE LAW UNDER WHICH THE SOCIETY
IS ORGANIZED, THE CODE OF DENTAL ETHICS,
STANDING RESOLUTIONS, &c.



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THE DENTAL SOCIETY

OF THE

STATE OF NEW YORK.

ORIGIN.

In response to an informal call, a convention of delegates, representing dental societies in different parts of the State, met in the city of Utica, December 17th, 1867, to confer together on the question of making an application to the Legislature for a law regulating the practice of dentistry. All the great divisions of the State were represented. B. T. Whitney, of Buffalo, was made Chairman, and T. H. Burras, of New York, Secretary.

A full and free discussion of the subject in all its bearings showed entire unanimity in favor of some legal enactment, and a substantial agreement as to what particular provisions were required. A. Westcott, of Syracuse, B. T. Whitney, of Buffalo, and L. W. Rogers, of Utica, were appointed a Committee to draft a suitable law, and bring it before the Legislature.

The Committee had several meetings, and after much deliberation agreed upon the following law, which was presented to the Legislature, with a large number of petitions favoring the enactment. With less than the usual delay in such cases it passed both houses, without amendment, and without a dissenting vote.

NEW YORK STATE DENTAL LAW.

Title. AN ACT to incorporate dental societies for the purpose of improving and regulating the practice of dentistry in this State.

PASSED APRIL 7th, 1868.

The people of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

Organization of District Dental Societies.	SECTION 1. It shall be lawful for the dentists in the several judicial districts of the supreme court of this State, to meet together at the following named places, to wit : In district number one, at the Cooper Institute, in the city of New York ; district number two, at the City Hall, in the city of Brooklyn ; district number three, at the Delavan House, in the city of Albany ; district number four, at the Clarendon Hotel, Saratoga Springs ; district number five, at Stanwix Hall Hotel, in the village of Rome ; district number six, at the Lewis House, in the village of Binghamton ; district number seven, at the Canandaigua Hotel, in the village of Canandaigua ; district number eight, at Medical Hall, in the city of Buffalo ; on the first Tuesday of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, at two o'clock in the afternoon of that day, and such dentists so convened as aforesaid, or any part of them, not less than fifteen in number, shall proceed to the choice of a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, who shall hold their offices for one year, and until others shall be chosen in their places ; and whenever said societies shall be organized as aforesaid, they are hereby constituted bodies corporate, in fact and under the names of " The District Dental Society " of the respective judicial districts where they shall be located ; provided always, that if the dentists residing in any district shall not meet and organize themselves as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for them, at the call of fifteen dentists residing in any such district, to meet at such other time and place as they shall designate ; and their proceedings shall be as valid as if such meeting had been at the time before specified.
Where they shall meet.	When.
How to pro- ceed.	Name.
Provision in case of non-or- ganization.	SEC. 2. Each of said district societies, when organized as aforesaid, shall elect eight delegates, who shall meet at the capitol, in the city of Albany, on the last Tuesday of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, and proceed to organize a State dental society, which shall be
Organization of the State Dental Society.	

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named "The Dental Society of the State of New York," and, being met, not less than thirty-three in number, shall proceed to elect, and shall thereafter annually elect a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, who shall hold their offices for one year, and until others shall be chosen in their places ; and said society shall be a body corporate, under the name and style as aforesaid.

SEC. 3. The secretaries of each of the district societies shall lodge, in the county clerk's office of some county within their district, a copy of all the proceedings and records of their organization ; and it shall also be the duty of the secretary of the State Dental Society, in like manner, to lodge in the office of the secretary of state, a copy of its records and proceedings had at the organization thereof ; and the said county clerks, respectively, and the secretary of state, shall file the same in their respective offices, and shall receive therefor a fee of

SEC. 4. At the first meeting of said State Dental Society, the same being duly organized as aforesaid, the delegation from each district society shall be divided into four classes of two delegates each, who shall serve one, two, three and four years respectively, and until others shall be elected in their places ; and the said district societies, at each annual meeting thereafter, shall choose two delegates to the State society, to serve each four years, and fill all vacancies in their respective delegations that may have occurred by death or otherwise.

SEC. 5. Each of the incorporated dental colleges of this State may annually elect two delegates to the State Dental Society, who shall be entitled to all the privileges, and subject to the same rules and regulations as other delegates.

SEC. 6. The said State Dental Society may elect permanent members of said society from among eminent dentists residing in this State, but not to exceed twenty in number, at its first meeting, nor more than five in any one year thereafter ; which members so elected shall be entitled to all the privileges of delegate members, but shall receive no compensation for their attendance on meetings of the State society, except when sent as delegates by the district societies or colleges aforesaid. And the said State society may elect honorary members from any State or country ; but no person shall be elected an honorary member who is eligible to regular membership, nor shall any honorary member be entitled to vote or hold any office in said society.

District Board of Censors. SEC. 7. The several district societies established aforesaid, at their annual meetings, shall appoint not less than three nor more than five censors, to continue in office for one year, and until others are chosen, who shall constitute a district board of censors, whose duties it shall be carefully and impartially to inquire into the qualifications of all persons who shall present themselves within the districts where they reside, for examination and report their opinion, in writing, to the president of said district society, who shall thereupon issue, on the recommendation of said board of censors, a certificate of qualification to such person or persons, countersigned by the secretary, and bearing the seal of the said district society.

State Board of Censors. SEC. 8. The State Dental Society, organized as aforesaid, at its first meeting shall appoint eight censors, one from each of the said district societies, who shall constitute a State board of censors, and at the first meeting of said board the members shall be divided into four classes, to serve one, two, three and four years respectively; and said State Dental Society shall, at each annual meeting thereafter, appoint two censors, to serve each four years and until their successors shall be chosen and fill all vacancies that may have occurred in the board by death, or otherwise. Each district society shall be entitled to one, and only one, member of said board of censors. Said board of censors shall meet at least once in each year, at such time and place as they shall designate, and being thus met, they, or a majority of them, shall carefully and impartially examine all persons who are entitled to examination under the provisions of this act, and who shall present themselves for that purpose, and report their opinion in writing to the president of said State Dental Society, and on the recommendation of said board it shall be the duty of the president, aforesaid, to issue a diploma to such person or persons, countersigned by the secretary, and bearing the seal of said society.

Who entitled to examination. SEC. 9. All dentists in regular practice at the time the passage of this act, and all persons who shall have received a diploma from any dental college in this State and all students who shall have studied and practiced dental surgery with some accredited dentist or dentists for the term of four years, shall be entitled to an examination by said board of censors. Deductions from such term of four years shall be made in either of the following cases :

1. If the student, after the age of sixteen, shall have pursued any of the studies usual in the colleges of this State, the period, not exceeding one year, during which he shall have pursued such studies shall be deducted.

2. If the student, after the age of sixteen, shall have attended a complete course of lectures of any incorporated dental or medical college in this State, or elsewhere, one year shall be deducted.

SEC. 10. Every person on receiving a diploma from the State Dental Society shall pay into the treasury thereof the sum of twenty dollars, and on receiving a certificate of qualification from the dental society of any district the sum of ten dollars into the treasury thereof.

SEC. 11. The dental societies of the respective districts, and the dental society of the State, may purchase and hold such real and personal estate as the purposes of their respective corporations may require. The district societies each not exceeding in value the sum of five thousand dollars, and the State Dental Society not exceeding twenty thousand dollars in value.

SEC. 12. The respective societies herein provided for may make all needful by-laws, rules and regulations, not inconsistent with any existing law, for the management of the affairs and property of said societies respectively, and providing for the admission and expulsion of members, provided that such by-laws, rules and regulations of the respective district societies shall not be repugnant to nor inconsistent with the by-laws, rules and regulations of the State Dental Society.

SEC. 13. All dentists who shall have been in regular practice in this State, at the time of the passage of this act, and all persons who shall have received a certificate of qualification from any district society shall be eligible to membership in said district societies.

SEC. 14. The dental society of the State of New York shall be entitled to all the privileges and immunities granted to the medical societies of this State.

SEC. 15. This act shall take effect immediately.

AMENDMENT.

History.

The preceding dental law secured not only the perfect organization of the dental profession as such, but also its legal recognition. It gave "The Dental Society of the State of New York" authority to issue a legal diploma to all applicants who should be found worthy, thus furnishing the only opportunity for a majority of those then engaged in the practice of dentistry of obtaining a diploma.

Subsequently it was deemed advisable to make application to the Legislature for an amendment to the dental law, by which it should obtain authority to confer a degree with the diploma.

At the first annual meeting of "The Dental Society of the State of New York," held at the Capitol in the city of Albany in July, 1869, a committee consisting of A. Westcott of Syracuse, B. T. Whitney of Buffalo, L. W. Rogers of Utica, and N. W. Kingsley of New York, was appointed to make such application to the Legislature. The application was made by the committee the ensuing winter, and the following amendment was passed, giving to the Society the authority to confer with its diploma the degree of "Master of Dental Surgery" (M. D. S.). This degree is evidence that its possessor has not only passed the rigid and thorough examination of the Board of Censors in compliance with the law, but is qualified for and actually engaged in regular and successful practice.

The second section of the amendment was considered as necessary not only to guard the public from imposition, but also for the proper protection of the above degree and that of "Doctor of Dental Surgery" (D. D. S.).

AN ACT

To amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate dental societies, for the purpose of improving and regulating the practice of dentistry in this State." Title.

PASSED APRIL 21st, 1870; three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

SECTION 1. Section eight of the act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate dental societies, for the purpose of improving and regulating the practice of dentistry in this state,'" is hereby amended so as to read as follows : Section 8 of the State Dental Law amended.

[SEC. 8. The state dental society, organized as aforesaid, at its first meeting shall appoint eight censors, one from each of the said district societies, who shall constitute a state board of censors, and at the first meeting of the said board, the members shall be divided into four classes, to serve one, two, three and four years, respectively ; and said state dental society shall, at each annual meeting thereafter, appoint two censors, to serve each four years, and until their successors shall be chosen, and fill all vacancies that may have occurred in the board by death or otherwise. Each district society shall be entitled to one, and only one member of said board of censors. Said board of censors shall meet at least once in each year, at such time and place as they shall designate, and being thus met, they, or a majority of them, shall carefully and impartially examine all persons who are entitled to examination under the provisions of this act, and who shall present themselves for that purpose, and report their opinion in writing to the president of said state dental society, and on the recommendation of the said board, it shall be the duty of the president aforesaid, to issue a diploma to such person or persons, countersigned by the secretary, and bearing the seal of said society,] conferring upon him the degree of "Master of Dental Surgery," (M. D. S.) and it shall not be lawful for any other society, college or corporation to grant to any person the said degree of "Master of Dental Surgery." State Board of Censors.

Term of office.

Vacancies.

District representation.

Duties.

Diploma, by whom issued.

Degree.

Persons falsely claiming to have a diploma or to be a graduate.

SEC. 2. Any person who shall knowingly and falsely claim or pretend to have or hold, a certificate of license, diploma or degree, granted by any society, organized

under and pursuant to the provisions of this act, or who shall falsely and with intent to deceive the public, claim or pretend to be a graduate from any incorporated dental college, not being such graduate, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

BY-LAWS.

History.

The following By-Laws are essentially the same as those originally reported to "The Dental Society of the State of New York," by a committee appointed for that purpose at the first meeting held, consisting of L. W. Rogers of Utica, B. T. Whitney of Buffalo, and E. A. Bogue of New York; and adopted by the Society at a meeting held at the Capitol in the city of Albany, February 2d, 1869.

These continued in force with such additions or amendments only from year to year as seemed absolutely necessary, until 1875.

At the annual meeting in 1874, the Standing Committee on By-Laws recommended the appointment of a special committee to revise the whole code and render them more in accordance with the present demands of the Society.

This Committee, consisting of Charles Barnes of Syracuse, O. E. Hill and Wm. Jarvie, Jr., of Brooklyn, at the annual meeting in 1875, reported the completion of its labors as comprised in the following By-Laws, which were then adopted and ordered printed.

PREAMBLE.

Legal Authority. Whereas, by an act passed April 7, 1868, the Legislature of this State did authorize the formation of district dental societies and a State dental society, which societies have been formed in accordance with the provisions of said act; and whereas the said act provides,

that said societies "may make all needful by-laws, rules and regulations not inconsistent with any existing law, for the management of the affairs and property of said societies respectively;" and "that such by-laws, rules and regulations of the respective district societies shall not be repugnant to nor inconsistent with the by-laws, rules and regulations of the State dental society;" now, therefore, in conformity with the provisions of said act, and for the better government of said societies, THE DENTAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK ordains and declares the following

BY-LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS.

ARTICLE I.

MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. The members of this Society shall consist of eight delegates from each district society; two delegates from each incorporated dental college of this State; permanent members chosen by the Society from among members of district societies, not to exceed five in number in any one year; and honorary members, *ex officio*, or elected, from any State or country.

Delegates.
Permanent and
honorary mem-
bers.

SEC. 2. The Governor and Lieutenant-Governor of this State, the Speaker of the Assembly, the Secretary of State, the Chancellor and Board of Regents of the University, the officers of the State medical societies, and the officers of incorporated State dental societies of other States, shall be *ex officio* honorary members of this Society.

Ex-officio hon-
orary members.

SEC. 3. Honorary members shall have the privileges of the floor, with the right to speak, but not to vote or hold office.

Privileges of
honorary mem-
bers.

Sec. 4. No member shall take any part in the proceedings until he shall have paid all dues, and signed the by-laws and code of ethics of this Society.

Requirements
of all members.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

Name and number.

SEC. 1. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Correspondent, who shall be elected annually, and a Board of eight Censors, two of whom shall be elected annually, for four years.

President's duties.

SEC. 2. The President shall preside at the meetings of the Society; appoint all committees not otherwise provided for; draw orders upon the Treasurer for such sums as may be ordered to be paid by the Society, and sign and deliver at the annual meeting diplomas to those recommended by the Board of Censors. He shall at the opening of the annual meeting subsequent to his election, give a concise statement of the condition of the State and district societies, with such suggestions for improvement as he may think proper.

Vice-President's duties.

SEC. 3. The Vice-President shall assist the President in the performance of his duties, and in case of his absence or disability, or at his request, shall officiate in his place.

Secretary's duties.

SEC. 4. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Society, and a list of the names and residences of the members; noting the time of their election, and when their terms expire, and whether present or absent at any meeting. He shall give notice of all meetings of the Society, notify officers and committees of their election or appointment, and sign and seal all diplomas granted by the Society. He shall be chairman of the Committee on Publication.

Treasurer's duties.

SEC. 5. The Treasurer shall receive and be accountable for all moneys belonging to the Society, and make disbursement only upon a vote of the Society and an order of the President. He shall give security satisfactory to the Committee on By-Laws, for the faithful performance of his duties, and shall at each annual meeting give a full report of the financial condition of the Society.

SEC. 6. The Correspondent shall have charge of and ^{Correspondent's} conduct the correspondence of the Society. He shall ^{duties.} open communication with dental, medical and scientific societies, and with eminent dentists, physicians, and scientists, in any part of the world, and report annually to this Society.

SEC. 7. The Board of Censors shall hold its annual ^{Board of Cen-} meeting at the time and place of the annual meeting of ^{sors.} this Society. The Board shall choose a chairman and secretary, and make rules for its own government, not ^{Meetings.} inconsistent with the By-Laws of this Society, and provide for special meetings, when the number of candidates for examination shall require it. The Censors shall ^{Duties.} require of each candidate satisfactory proof that he has complied with the requisitions of the State law regulating the practice of dentistry, together with a certificate of good moral character and professional attainments. Certificates of candidates belonging in this State shall be from the Censors of the District Society in which the candidate resides, and certificates of those residing elsewhere shall be endorsed by three members of this Society. The Censors shall carefully and impartially examine each candidate in the principles and practice of dental surgery, and if such inquiry and examination shall be satisfactory, they shall recommend him to the Society for a diploma and the degree of "Master of Dental Surgery."

The Board shall make a report at each annual meeting ^{Report.} of the Society, stating the number of meetings held during the year, the time and place of holding them, the names of the Censors present, the number of candidates examined, and the names and residences of those found qualified, and any official delinquency or malfeasance by members of the Board.

SEC. 8. All officers of the Society shall hold their ^{Term of office} places until their successors shall be chosen, and in case ^{and vacancies.} of the death, resignation, or removal from the State of any officer, the President may fill the vacancy until there shall be a new election.

ARTICLE III.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Number and designation. SEC. 1. There shall be five standing committees of three members each, which shall be appointed annually by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Society, and in all cases subject to the approval of the Society, viz. : Committee of Arrangements, on Business, on Publication, on By-Laws, and on Ethics.

Duties of Com. on Arrangements. SEC. 2. The Committee of Arrangements shall secure a suitable room for the meetings of the Society, provide for the comfort and accommodation of the members, prepare for the holding of clinics and for the exhibition of appliances, and receive and report upon the credentials of delegates.

Duties of Com. on Business. SEC. 3. The Committee on Business shall arrange the order of business for the meeting, subject to the by-laws, rules and regulations of the Society—receive and examine all dissertations, essays or other like papers offered for reading, and determine what parts shall be read, and the order in which they shall be presented.

Duties of Com. on Publication. SEC. 4. The Committee on Publication, shall put in order and publish such parts of the proceedings as the Society may direct.

Duties of Com. on By-Laws. SEC. 5. The Committee on By-Laws shall take cognizance of the action of all officers and committees of this Society, and of the by-laws and proceedings of district societies—report all infractions of the laws of the State and of the State Society, and recommend such changes in the by-laws of this Society as in their judgment may be required. This Committee shall also audit all accounts, and examine and report upon the security offered by the Treasurer.

Duties of Com. on Ethics. SEC. 6. The Committee on Ethics shall take cognizance of and report all violations of the code of ethics by district societies, or by members of this Society ; and all appeals from the action of district societies shall be referred to this Committee. Charges of violation of the laws or ethics of the Society, or immoral conduct or habits,

shall be presented in writing to the Chairman of the Committee, enclosed in a sealed envelope. The Chairman on receiving such charges shall notify the Committee to meet and examine the same, and the evidence thereof. If a majority of the Committee having met, shall be of opinion that the charges are well founded, they shall serve a copy of them upon the accused at least two weeks previous to the meeting at which the Committee is to report. At such meeting the Committee shall report its opinion, and the grounds thereof; and if the accused, having had a fair opportunity of making a defense, shall be found guilty by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, the Society shall proceed to determine the penalty, and cause it to be carried into effect. The penalty shall be decided by a majority of the votes cast.

SEC. 7. If at the annual meeting of the Society a majority of any standing committee shall not be present, the presiding officer or the Society may fill the vacancy for the time being.

Vacancies in
Committees.

SEC. 8. All reports shall be made in writing.

Reports.

ARTICLE IV.

MEETINGS.

SEC. 1. The Society shall hold its annual meeting in the city of Albany, commencing on the second Wednesday of July, in each year, at 10 o'clock a. m., and such other meetings as may be fixed by adjournment, or called by the President.

Annual meet-
ing.

SEC. 2. Fifteen members shall be a quorum for business, and no smaller number shall adjourn to any other place nor to any other time, except some hour on the same or the following day.

Quorum.

SEC. 3. Special meetings may be called by the President, at the written request of fifteen members.

Special meet-
ings.

ARTICLE V.

ELECTIONS.

SEC. 1. All officers, permanent and honorary members, shall be chosen separately by ballot, at the an-

Who elected.

nual meetings of this Society, and no person shall be declared elected who shall not have received a majority of all the votes cast.

How elections
are to be con-
ducted.

SEC. 2. In voting by ballot, the President or the Society shall appoint three tellers, who shall receive and count the votes and declare the result. Each member shall lay his vote by or upon the ballot-box, and it shall be placed therein by one of the tellers. One of the tellers shall keep a tally of the voters, and if the number of votes cast shall exceed the tally, that ballot shall be declared void. No blank vote shall be counted except to make up the tally.

Second and
subsequent bal-
lots.

SEC. 3. If upon the second ballot for any officer or permanent or honorary member, no person shall receive a majority, the election shall be made from the three persons receiving the greatest number of votes on the second ballot, and if there be no choice on the third ballot, the election shall be made from the two having the highest vote on that ballot.

Permanent and
honorary mem-
bers.

SEC. 4. When a person is proposed for permanent or honorary membership, the ballots shall contain only the words "Yes," or "No," and a majority of the former shall be necessary to a choice.

ARTICLE VI.

DISTRICT SOCIETIES.

District bound-
aries.

SEC. 1. The district societies shall severally include the following counties, as is provided by statute law, viz.:

District I. City and County of New York.

District II. Counties of Richmond, Suffolk, Queens, Kings, Westchester, Orange, Rockland, Putnam, and Dutchess.

District III. Columbia, Sullivan, Ulster, Greene, Albany, Schoharie, and Rensselaer.

District IV. Warren, Saratoga, Washington, Essex, Franklin, St. Lawrence, Clinton, Montgomery, Hamilton, Fulton and Schenectady.

District V. Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, Herkimer, Jefferson, and Lewis.

- District VI. Otsego, Delaware, Madison, Chenango, Broome, Tioga, Chemung, Tompkins, Cortland, and Schuyler.
- District VII. Livingston, Wayne, Seneca, Yates, Ontario, Steuben, Monroe, and Cayuga.
- District VIII. Erie, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Orleans, Niagara, Genesee, Allegany, and Wyoming.

SEC. 2. Each district society shall hold at least one meeting every year, and at such annual meeting shall elect two delegates to the State Society for four years each, and fill all vacancies in the delegation, and the delegates so elected, and also the delegates from dental Colleges, shall receive a certificate in the form following, to wit :

..... DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

This certifies, That at the annual meeting of the.....District Dental Society of the State of New York, (or College, as the case may be) held at.....on the.....day of.....in the year 18, a quorum of the members being present,.....a dentist of good standing and character in this district, was duly elected a delegate to the Dental Society of the State of New York for the term of.....year to fill a vacancy occasioned by the.....
Secretary. [L. S.]
 Dated.....18....

SEC. 3. Any district society which shall pass by-laws, rules, or regulations, or take any action repugnant to or inconsistent with the by-laws, rules and regulations of this Society, or refuse, or neglect to pay the assessment made upon said district society by this Society, and which shall have been duly notified thereof and admonished by a vote of this Society, may after one year from the time of such notice and admonition, be denied all delegate representation in this Society, until such recusancy shall cease, or such assessment be paid.

SEC. 4. Each district society shall report to this Society immediately subsequent to every annual meeting held the names of its officers, including district censors, the number of its members, the time of its annual meeting, and the number present at the last annual meeting, with such other information as this Society shall see fit to direct.

ARTICLE VII.

DUES.

Of delegates. SEC. 1. Each district society and dental college shall annually pay into the treasury of this Society the sum of three dollars for each delegate to which they may be respectively entitled in this Society.

Of permanent members. SEC. 2. Permanent members shall pay an admission fee of ten dollars, and three dollars annually thereafter.

When payable. SEC. 3. All dues to the Society shall be payable at the beginning of the fiscal and official year.

For the diploma. SEC. 4. Every person on receiving the diploma of the Society, shall pay into the treasury the sum of twenty dollars.

ARTICLE VIII.

FINES AND PENALTIES.

For neglecting to deliver annual address. SEC. 1. If the President shall fail to deliver the annual address required by the by-laws, or to furnish a copy of such address to be read before the Society, he shall pay into the treasury the sum of ten dollars.

For neglecting to read essay. SEC. 2. Any member who shall be regularly appointed, with his assent, to prepare a dissertation or other paper to be read before this Society, and shall fail to perform that duty, shall pay into the treasury the sum of five dollars.

For neglect in attending meetings. SEC. 3. If any State Censor, having been duly notified, shall fail to attend any meeting appointed by authority of the Board for the examination of candidates, he shall pay into the treasury a fine of five dollars; and if any State Censor shall be absent from two consecutive meetings of the Board, his office may be declared vacant by the Society, and a new election ordered.

Failing to qualify. SEC. 4. If any person who shall be chosen a permanent member of this Society, shall not within one year thereafter signify his acceptance, and pay the fee of admission, he shall be deemed to have declined the election; and if any permanent member shall neglect to

pay his annual dues for one year after having been notified by the Treasurer, his name may, on vote of the Society, be erased from the roll of membership.

SEC. 5. Any member of this Society who may be expelled or otherwise aggrieved by the action of a district society, shall have the right to appeal to this Society: provided that notice of such appeal shall be given to the President of said district society, and to the President of this Society, at least one month before the time of the next annual meeting of this Society.

Appeal from District Society

ARTICLE IX.
MISCELLANEOUS.

SEC. 1. The Society may invite distinguished visitors to take seats as honorary members for the time being.

Visitors.

SEC. 2. In the absence of both the President and Vice-President, the Secretary or any officer of the Society may call to order and nominate a President *pro tem*.

President pro tem.

SEC. 3. Every person recommended for a diploma shall before receiving the same sign the following declaration, to wit:

Declaration.

I, ———, do solemnly declare that I will conduct myself honestly and virtuously in the practice of dentistry, strictly observe the Code of Ethics of this Society, and give to all persons committed to my charge professionally, the benefit of the best of my knowledge and skill.

SEC. 4. All the officers and committees of this Society shall assume their duties at the close of the annual meeting at which they were elected or appointed.

Beginning of service.

SEC. 5. The official and fiscal year of the Society shall end at the close of the annual meeting.

Official year.

SEC. 6. These by-laws may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of this Society by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, if such amendment shall be proposed on the first day of the session: provided that amendments so proposed and adopted, may be rejected by a majority vote at the next annual meeting, and if not so rejected they shall continue to stand as part of the by-laws.

Amendments.

ARTICLE X.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

At the annual
meeting.

SEC. 1. At the Annual Meeting the Order of Business shall be as follows :

1. Calling the roll.
2. Reading the minutes of the last meeting.
3. Report of the Committee of Arrangements.
4. Reception of members and payment of dues.
5. President's Address.
6. Report of Treasurer.
7. " " Correspondent.
8. " " Censors.
9. " " Committee on By-Laws.
10. " " Committee on Ethics.
11. " " Committee on Business.
12. Reports of Special Committees.
13. " " District Societies.
14. " " Dental Colleges.
15. Reading of dissertations, and discussions as arranged by the Business Committee.
16. Miscellaneous and unfinished business.
17. Election of Officers.
18. Appointment of Committees.
19. Adjournment.

At Special
Meetings.

SEC. 2. At special meetings, the object for which the meeting was convened shall be taken up immediately after the calling of the roll.

ARTICLE XI.

RULES OF ORDER.

Call to order.

1. On the arrival of the hour of meeting the President shall take the chair, call to order, and announce that the meeting is open for business.

Taking the
floor.

2. No motion or speech shall be in order, until the mover or speaker shall have been recognized, and assigned the floor by the chair, nor shall a motion be open for debate until seconded and stated by the chair.

3. At the request of any member a motion shall be put in writing. Written motions.

4. At the request of five members a question shall be divided, or the Yeas and Nays ordered. Division.

5. When a question is under debate no other motion shall be in order, except, 1st, to adjourn ; 2d, to lay on the table ; 3d, the previous question ; 4th, to postpone ; 5th, to commit ; 6th, to amend ; and these motions shall take precedence in the order here stated. Order of motions.

6. The motions to adjourn, to lay on the table and to postpone shall be decided without debate. Motions not debatable.

7. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except while a member is speaking, or while a vote or ballot is being taken. Adjournments.

8. A second amendment to the main question shall not be in order until the first is disposed of, nor shall there be an amendment of an amendment to an amendment. Amendments.

9. After a motion has been seconded and stated by the chair, it shall not be withdrawn without the consent of the Society. Withdrawal of motions.

10. No member shall interrupt another while speaking except to call him to order. Interruptions.

11. When called to order a member shall sit down until the point of order is decided by the chair, or in case of appeal by the Society. If the point of order be sustained, the member can proceed in order by the consent of the Society. Point of order.

12. Every member shall vote upon a question unless excused by the Society. Voting.

13. When any motion, except to adjourn, has been rejected, it shall not be renewed without unanimous consent. Renewal of motions.

14. Any member who voted in the majority may move a reconsideration of that question, but if that motion shall be lost, or laid upon the table, it shall not be renewed without unanimous consent. Reconsiderations.

15. The President may vote with the members upon all questions, but having so voted, shall not give the casting vote in case of a tie. President's vote

- Filling blanks. 16. Motions for filling blanks shall be put in the order in which they are moved.
- Changing votes 17. On a division, or in voting by Yeas and Nays, any member may change his vote before the result is declared.
- Suspension. 18. These rules may be suspended by unanimous consent.

CODE OF DENTAL ETHICS.

PROMULGATED BY THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION AND
ADOPTED BY THIS SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.

THE DUTIES OF THE PROFESSION TO THEIR PATIENTS.

Business requirements. SECTION 1. The dentist should be ever ready to respond to the wants of his patients, and should fully recognize the obligations involved in the discharge of his duties towards them. As they are, in most cases, unable to correctly estimate the character of his operations, his own sense of right must guarantee faithfulness in their performance. His manner should be firm, yet kind and sympathizing, so as to gain their respect and confidence; and even the simplest case committed to his care should receive that attention which is due to any operation performed on living, sensitive tissue.

Professional qualities. SEC. 2. It is not to be expected that the patient will possess a very extended or a very accurate knowledge of professional matters. The dentist should make due allowance for this, patiently explaining many things which may seem quite clear to himself, thus endeavoring to educate the public mind so that it will properly appreciate the beneficent efforts of our profession. He should encourage no false hopes, by promising success where, in the nature of the case, there is uncertainty.

SEC. 3. The dentist should be temperate in all things, keeping both mind and body in the best possible health, that his patients may have the benefit of that clearness of judgment and skill which is their right.

Habits.

ARTICLE II.

MAINTAINING PROFESSIONAL CHARACTER.

SECTION 1. A member of the dental profession is bound to maintain its honor, and to labor earnestly to extend its sphere of usefulness. He should avoid everything in language and conduct calculated to discredit or dishonor his profession, and should ever manifest a due respect for his brethren. The young should show special respect for their seniors; the aged, special encouragement to their juniors.

Department.

SEC. 2. The person and office arrangements of the dentist should indicate that he is a gentleman; and he should in all relations sustain a high-toned moral character.

Correctness.

SEC. 3. It is unprofessional to resort to public advertisements, cards, handbills, posters or signs, calling attention to "peculiar styles of *work*," lowness of prices, special modes of operating, or to claim superiority over neighboring practitioners, to publish reports of cases, or certificates in the public prints, to go from house to house to solicit or perform operations, to circulate or recommend nostrums, or to perform any other similar acts.

Advertising.

SEC. 4. When consulted by the patient of another practitioner, the dentist should guard against inquiries or hints disparaging to the family dentist, or calculated to weaken the patient's confidence in him, and if the interests of the patient will not be endangered thereby, the case should be temporarily treated, and referred back to the family dentist.

Professional
intercourse.

SEC. 5. When general rules shall have been adopted by members of the profession practicing in the same localities, in relation to fees, it is unprofessional and dishonorable to depart from these rules, except when variation of circumstances requires it. And it is ever to be regarded as unprofessional to warrant operations or work as an inducement to patronage.

Fee bills and
warranting oper-
ations.

ARTICLE III.

THE RELATIVE DUTIES OF DENTISTS AND PHYSICIANS.

Dentistry and
medicine not in
conflict.

Dental surgery is a *specialty* in medical science. Physicians and dentists should both bear this in mind. The dentist is professionally limited to diseases of the dental organs and the mouth. With these he should be more familiar than the general practitioner is expected to be ; and while he recognizes the superiority of the physician, in regard to diseases of the general system, the latter is under equal obligations to respect his higher attainments in his specialty. Where this principle governs, there can be no conflict, or even diversity of professional interests.

ARTICLE IV.

THE MUTUAL DUTIES OF THE PROFESSION AND THE PUBLIC.

Relations to
the public.

Dentists are frequently witnesses, and at the same time the best judges of the impositions perpetrated by quacks, and it is their duty to enlighten and warn the public in regard to them. For this, and the many other benefits conferred by the competent and honorable dentists, the profession is entitled to the confidence and respect of the public, who should always discriminate in favor of the true man of science and integrity, and against the empiric and impostor. The public has no right to tax the time and talents of the profession in examinations, prescriptions, or in any way, without proper remuneration.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That it is recommended to the several District Societies to hold their annual meetings at as near a time preceding the annual meeting of this Society as may be convenient for them. Annual meetings of District Societies.
Adopted Feb. 2d, 1869.

Resolved, That all voluntary essays must be handed to the Chairman of the Committee on Business at least ten days previous to the annual meeting; or notice of intention to read such paper, and naming the subject; but regularly appointed essayists shall send to the aforesaid Committee the subjects of their essays at least two months prior to the annual meeting. Essays.
Adopted July 28th, 1869.

Resolved, That the time allowed for reading any paper before this Society be limited to thirty minutes. Length of Essays.
Adopted June 30th, 1870.

Resolved, That the annual meeting of this Society may be extended to three days when found necessary. Length of Annual Meeting.
Adopted June 29th, 1871.

Resolved, That the Committee on Business be authorized to employ a stenographer for the purpose of reporting the discussions in full. Stenographer.
Adopted June 29th, 1871.

Resolved, That each District Dental Society be required to furnish a correct list of the dentists residing in their respective districts, for the use of this Society. Lists of Dentists.
Adopted June 29th, 1871.

Resolved, That the Secretary notify the members at least one month previous to the assembling of this Society. Issuing of notices.
Adopted June 29th, 1871.

Resolved, That a committee of two shall be appointed for the purpose of conducting the President-elect to the chair. Installation of President.
Adopted June 27th, 1872.

Resolved, That each of the District Dental Societies of this State shall be called and known by the name of "District Dental Society," with the prefix of "First, Second, Third," etc., to correspond with the number of the Judicial District where it is located. Names of District Societies.
Adopted June 24th, 1874.

Resolved, That the Secretary be charged with the duty of appropriately engrossing in the diplomas issued by this Society the names of the gentlemen upon whom they are conferred. Engrossing Diplomas.
Adopted July 1st, 1875.

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